

**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Expedited Procedure – Art Unit 3616**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
Ohtsuki *et al.*
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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated April, 2007, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 11 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 17 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned

under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.